

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**Attorney Docket No. 007035.00028**

In re the Application of BOURGES	)	
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Application No. 10/598,772	)	
	)	U.S. National Stage of International Application
Filed: September 11, 2006	)	No. PCT/FR2005/000551
	)	
For: DEVICE FOR FIXING A CHUTE	)	
TO A POWDER-PRODUCT-	)	
FEED HOPPER OF AN	)	
ELECRTOLYTIC CELL	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of any claim fees, please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.